

The Weekly Ledger.

THURSDAY, JULY 25.

AUDRAIN COURTS.

Circuit Court—3d Monday in January, 1st Monday in June, 3d Monday in September.

County Court—1st Monday in February, 1st Monday in May, 1st Monday in August, 1st Monday in November, 1st Monday in December.

NASBY ON SILVER.

The following, published in the Liberty (Mo.) Advertiser last week, is rather pertinent at this time.

We reprint, by request, the following letter of Petroleum V. Nasby on the silver question. It appeared in the Weekly Ledger in January, 1878. Taken in connection with the recent Democratic State Convention in Kentucky it shows that public opinion down there has been greatly enlightened, when compared with the "Confederate X Roads" view as expressed by Mr. Nasby:

Confederate X Roads, (Which is the State of Kentucky), Jan. 30, 1878.

I ain't so certain that I want the silver bill to pass as I was. The fact is, the thing don't work 'ez I sposed it would, and I ain't onto it. There is still principles in these financial questions which requires a good deal of thought, and there is underlying principles which a man has got to understand afore he is competent to set himself up ez authority.

One thing I am certain uv, Bascom ain't no financier, nor never will be, and I told him so.

"What is a financier?" asked he. "A financier," said I, "is a man who can pay his debts with nothing—a man who kin git suthin with nothing."

"The Corners, then, is full of financiers," he remarked, bitterly, castin a casual glance at his slate which was just full enough to turn over and begin on the tother side.

But he ain't any uv the science uv it. I wuz arguoin with him the other day in favor uv my noshun uv a leather currency, though I told him silver wuz much the same thing, and for example, I would as soon say silver wuz to be the currency of the fucher.

"Now, don't you see, Bascom, that if I had twint ez much money, I could drink twint ez much whiskey, and pay for it?"

"How much is twint noshin?" wuz the unfeelin answr uv the tyrant who holds the destinies uv the Corners in his hands. "That's wot your capite hes bin ever since I knowed you."

"Parson," said he, "I doo. I see what you're drivin at. You're goin to make whether silver is currency or anything else. How are you a-goin to git silver if it is legal tender? Ef silver wuz ez plenty ez bricks, w'd hevin you got to git any uv it w'd?"

"Troo, G. W.," wuz my answr; "but don't you see that he silver wold relieve the debtor class? Ef now, afore it is legal tender, it's only worth 92 cents on the dollar, and when the country is flooded with it, it wold go still lower. Then we w'd rather hie ez hev property to raise money on—kin pay off—"

"Edgelyness," retorts Bascom; "you kin pay me for the good honest likker uv mine, which you hev consumed, in coin which is less than the dollar you promise to give me. But look here—come in here all uv you, I want you silver men to know exactly what you are rushin into."

And this feend led us into the back room—that back room which contains the substance uv the Corners. There, in long rows, wuz Bascom's stock. There, in long piles, wuz the whiskey uv Louisville, uv different ages, rangin from that wuz two weeks old to that wuz left the still, and was sozorely cold afik. There it lay, and ez my eye ranged affectionately over it, I felt I could hev the drinkin' uv all that likker I wold be content to lay down and die when the last drop wuz gone.

Bascom pintoed to an immense tank h'ich he had ericid within a few days, with a pipe running in from the roof. "I ain't raisin the price uv the whiskey in consequence uv bein paid for in a depreciated currency!" said he.

I fell on Bascom's neck, in an extacy uv delitie, while the others shoutin, "Rah for Bascom!"

"G. W.," I remarkt, while tears suffused my eyes, "I never placed more much below the generous ez his hid you a hundred per cent in my estimashun. Bless you, G. W., bless you."

"But I'll tell you w'd I sheld do. Do you see that tank?" w'd he.

"May I ask w't that is for?" I sed. "Water," sed he, "and I want you to go to payin me in silver, I sheld take out them barrels jist eggshaggy over uv them five gallons uv likker, and FILL IT WITH WATER."

"Mercifull hevings!" I wuz exclaimin, "and you likker to work now!"

"And when silver gets down to seventy-five cents on the dollar, I sheld take out twenty-five per cent uv whiskey and fill her up with twenty-five per cent uv water. And so on down. Ef silver goes up I sheld add whiskey eggshaggy in proportion. In short, my whiskey is jist agoin to foller currency, and nothin shorer. You fellers work for wagis may sweet, but I won't."

"But you'll increase the size uv your glasses!" I sed.

"Not any. But you may drink twint ez many times to git the same amount uv drunk ez before, by payin for each drink."

And Bascom stalked hawtly back and took his posseshen behind his bar. There wuz customers in the Corners sich ez I have never seen. There wuz a hurried consultation at the Deekin's house, and I sejest that we emancipate ourselves from the dominyn uv this tyrant by startin a grocery uv our own, on the joint stock principle, which wuz agreed to, each man agreen to contribut ten dollars to the capital stock, which wold be enuff to buy a bar or two for a beginnin.

We wuz enthusiastic till we come to bakoin for the man to keep the place, when it wuz found insid uv my being chosen yoonanimously, ez I eggshaggy to be, that every man hed vould for himself. Ez not a soul uv em wold recede, the scheme wuz blockaded, and finally hed to be abandoned, and then we went back to Bascom's and submitted. That tyrant hes us.

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I came to Platte City on the 28th day of January, 1845, more than fifty years ago, where I have ever since resided, and have always been proud of my home and county and province, in this purpose of comparison (if for no other reason) with the present.

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